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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV DEPUTY PM VISITS GREECE

1. MILOS MINIC, DEPUTY PM AND FEDERAL FOREIGN SECRETARY OF YUGOSLAVIA, ARRIVED IN ATHENS FROM BELGRADE AUGUST 17. HE CATEGORIZED HIMSELF AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT TITO, ANNOUNCED THAT HE CARRIED A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BOTH PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS AND PM CARAMANLIS FROM TITO, AND THAT HIS MISSION CONCERNED THE CYPRUS CRISIS. MINIC FURTHER ASSERTED HIS HOPE THAT HIS PRESENCE HERE WOULD MARK "MILESTONE IN TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS LINKING GREECE WITH YUGOSLAVIA". IN REPLY TO ARRIVAL STATEMENT, GREEK FM MAVROS "PRAISED EXCELLENT RELATIONS OF GREECE WITH YUGOSLAVIA" AND AFFIRMED HIS PLEASURE AT VISIT DUE TO FACT THAT TITO IS THUS "PLACING AT SERVICE OF PEACE THE GREAT PRESTIGE HE POSSESSES NOT ONLY AMONG NON-ALIGNED NATIONS BUT ALSO IN ENTIRE WORLD".

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2. GREEK PRESS GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO MINIC
VISIT FOR ALL ITS WEEKEND EDITIONS. PROMINENTLY
FEATURED IN NEWSPAPERS WERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MINIC WITH
PM CARAMANLIS AND FM MAVROS. COMMENT: THE VISIT OF
MINIC WHILE ADMITTEDLY SPURRED BY CYPRUS CRISIS,
MIGHT ALSO REFLECT DESIRE OF BOTH NATIONS TO
UTILIZE NEW GOVERNMENT IN GREECE AS OPPORTUNITY FOR
BETTERING BILATERAL RELATIONS. AVGHI--LEFTIST
MORNING DAILY--PERHAPS TESTS OUTERMOST LIMITS OF VISITS
SIGNIFICANCE BY HEADLINING "AFGER WITHDRAWAL
FROM MILITARY ARM OF NATO, A CHANGE OF PATH".
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